

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
M-60 MACHINE GUN RANGE
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3430)
Off Perimeter Road, in the Firearms Training Area
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CU

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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U.S. Custom House
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Location: Off Perimeter Road in the Firearms Training Area, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.620740.4946260
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1989

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 3430 provided space for automatic arms firing range.

Project Information: Building No. 3430 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of M-60 Machine Gun Range (Building No. 3430)

Layout

Building No. 3430 is a one-story, three-sided, shed-type structure having a rectangular plan. It has a metal catslide roof and walls that are clad in metal siding. The shed sits on a raised concrete pad. In front of the open elevation are three large concrete culvert pipes that are placed perpendicular to the building. These pipes are sited on an earthen berm directly to the front of the firing pits.

Alterations/Additions

There have been no additions or alterations to Building No. 3430.

Function

Building No. 3430 designed, constructed and used to support the proficient use of machine guns by military personnel.

Significance

The M-60 was an essential element in the defense of Plattsburgh AFB during the Cold War. Because Building No. 3430 allowed military personnel to maintain a proficiency status in the use of the M-60, it played a role important to the Plattsburgh AFB mission.

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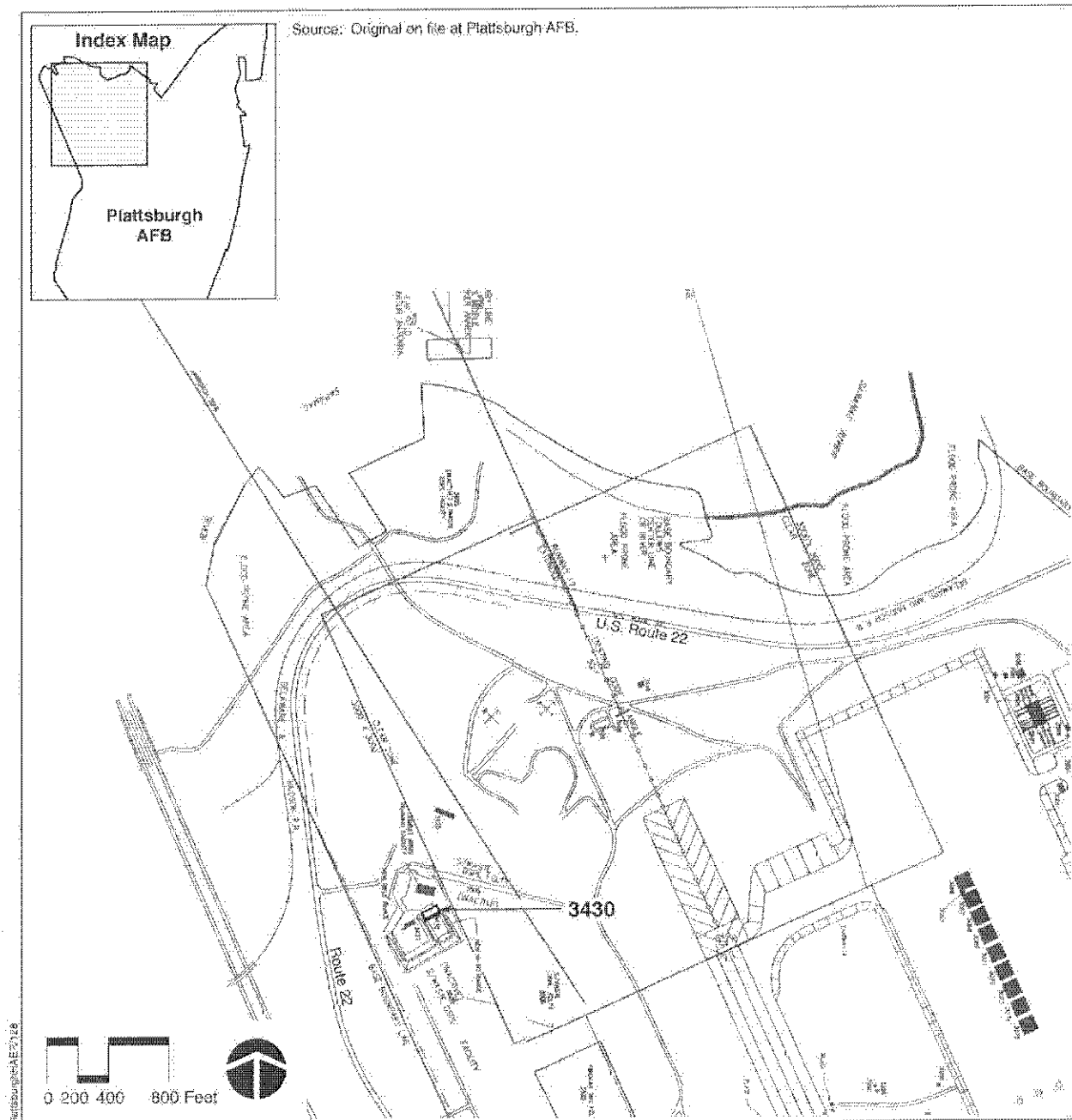
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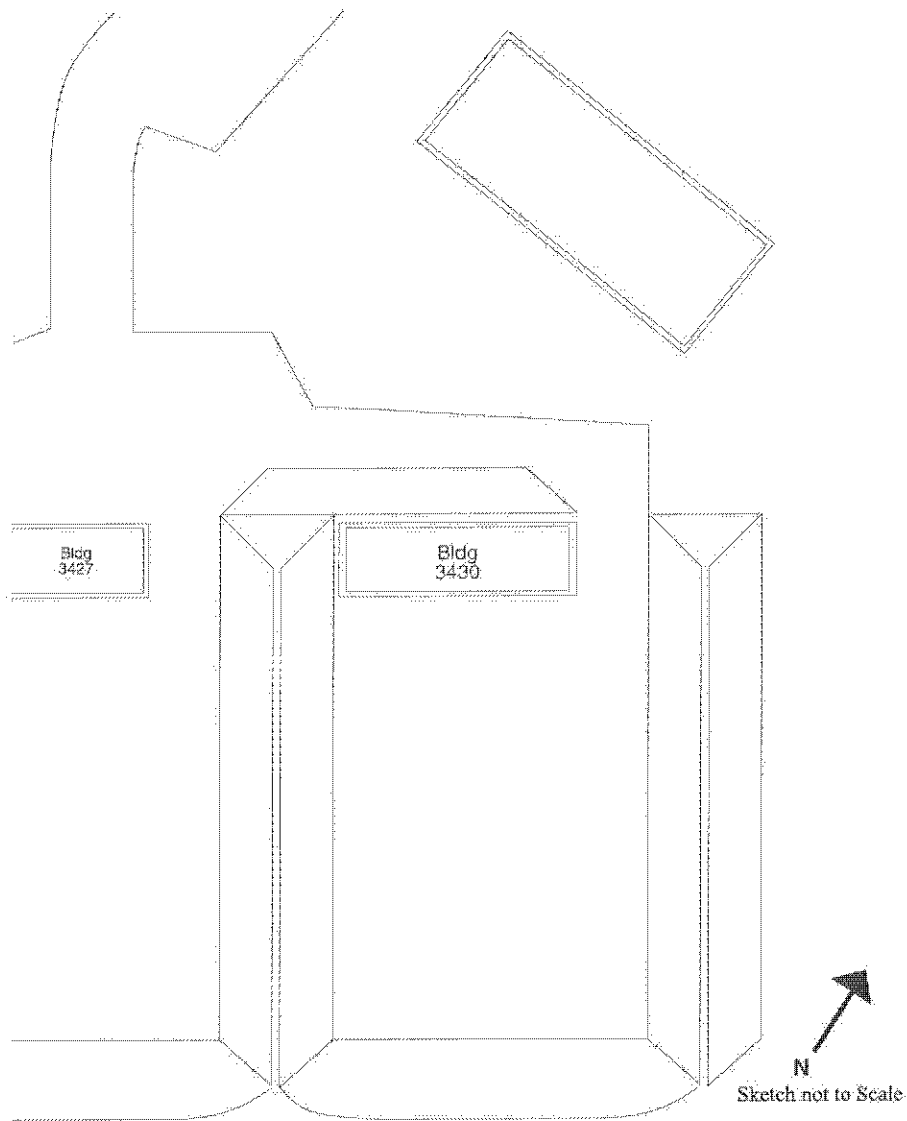
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SKETCH PLAN - M-60 MACHINE GUN RANGE
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